



Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

LUKE 2:22-40



SAINT TERESA OF CALCUTTA MISSION STATEMENT

*We are the welcoming community of Saint Teresa of Calcutta
living our faith by endeavoring to follow her example
to see, share and be the light of Christ's love and compassion.*

Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph December 31, 2023

Parish Information: December 31, 2023

Welcome to Saint Teresa of Calcutta Parish!

We are pleased to have you share in this celebration of the Eucharist. If you do not have a parish home we invite you to become part of our parish family and become fully involved in our life of prayer, education, service and community.

Registration: We invite all parishioners to register with the Parish. Registration helps us to serve you when issuing letters in connection with sponsorship of Baptism, Confirmation or Matrimony, and for letters of reference. Kindly notify the office if your address changes.

Anointing of the Sick: In case of serious illness or advanced age please call the parish office. For hospital cases, contact the hospital Chaplain.

Pastoral Care: Please call the parish office to have Communion brought to an ill or homebound family member.

Marriage: Couples contemplating marriage in the parish must contact the parish office to meet with a priest to begin the marriage preparation process. This is the first step in planning their wedding and needs to be done one year before the date of the wedding.

Baptisms: To arrange a Baptism, contact the Parish Office at least two weeks before the desired date of Baptism to make arrangements. Parents are required to attend a preparation class before the Baptism. Classes will be held at 7PM (Date will be given when you call). Please call the office to register.

Parish Staff

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Rev. Hugh Bradley hugh.bradley@camdendiocese.org

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Part-time Parochial Vicar

James Rocks Permanent Deacon (retired)

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Leo Howitz Permanent Deacon

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Linda Roseboro-Brown Bereavement Coordinator

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856-858-0298

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Facebook Name: Teresa Calcutta

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday: 9:00AM - 4:00PM

Friday: 9:00AM—3 PM

The Office is closed from 12 noon to 1PM for lunch.

Bulletin Submission Dates

Announcements to be published in the bulletin need to be in the Parish Office by Monday at 12 noon, 6 days prior to the publication of the bulletin. Holidays require earlier dates. Please call office to check.

Flyer **inserts** need to be in the Parish Office by Wednesday at 12 noon, 11 days ahead of the desired bulletin date.

Mass and Sacrament Schedule

ST. JOHN CHURCH: 809 Park Ave., Collingswood

HOLY SAVIOUR CHURCH: 50 Emerald Ave.,

Haddon Township

Weekend Masses

Saturday: 4:00 PM—HS

Sunday: 8:00 AM—HS

Sunday: 9:30 AM—SJ **Live streamed**

Sunday: 11:00 AM—SJ

Sunday: 11:00 AM— HS American Sign Language
and Voice Interpreted for the hearing

Weekday Masses:

Daily Mass: Mon., Tues., Wed., Fri.: 9:00 AM SJ

Thursday: 9AM, HS

Adoration: Thursdays: After 9:00 Mass until 8PM —HS

RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 3:00-3:45 Holy Saviour Church

BAPTISMS: Call the Parish Office to schedule.

RCIA: Tuesdays at 7PM in Parish Office

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Prayer Requests

Please pray for our Stephen Ministers and those to whom they minister.

Those serving in the military: LT Ij Patrick J. McKernan, USN
Colin Bakey, USN
Eric Bakey, USA
SGT Alex Coutinho, US Space Force
Miguel Ingram, Pvt. 1st Class US Army
Ensign Margaret M. McKernan, USN
Sgt. Johnny A. Santiago, USA
1st Lieut. Kayleigh Migaledi, RN, SAF
Salena Silvaria, NAC/AW,
Nathan Tiefenthaler L. Corp

Those who are sick: David Hammond
Vincenzo Angelucci, Jr.
Arline Barski
Nancy Barone
Ed Charlton, Sr.
Anna Cipolla
Anthony Corrado
Sharon Crismond
Todd Delaney
Billie DiStefano
Lorraine Donato
Theresa Duffy
Walt Eife
Marianne Fannelle
Mike Gunning
Elise Principato
Jaxson Rivera
Eric Roseboro
Dean and Mary Russell
Pat Schoenborn
Richard Schoenborn
Dennis Siwak
Rosemarie Siwak
Constance Steinhagen
Margaret Zimmerman
Alice Palermo

Adoration Schedule



- Thursdays at Holy Saviour Church 9:30AM - 8PM
 - Silent Adoration 9:30AM - 7PM
 - Consecration to the Blessed Mother
 - Rosary & Benediction 7PM—8PM
- Come spend some quiet time with the Lord during the day.*

Mass Intentions

WEEK OF DECEMBER 31

Saturday, December 30

4:00 Deceased members of Santa Maria Council K of C r/b Santa Maria Council K of C
William Baker r/b Fr. Yvans and STC Parish
Celebration of the baptism of Anthony Hadrian Rocks r/b Fr. Yvans and STC Parish

Sunday, December 31

8:00 Parishioners of St. Teresa of Calcutta
9:30 James Cuning r/b the Cuning Family
Eileen McCormick r/b Cathleen and Jack Sheridan
John & Gertrude Wilkie r/b Schoenborn Family
11:00 Lisa Marchionne r/b Fr. Yvans and STC Parish

Monday, January 1

10:00 (SJ) David W. Pascal Jr. r/b Beth Pascal
Mass in ASL and Voice Interpreted

Tuesday January 2

9:00 Intentions of Corazon Cambronero r/b Jasmin C. Patulot

Wednesday, January 3

9:00 John Wilkie r/b Schoenborn Family

Thursday, January 4

9:00 (HS) Michael Wills r/b a neighbor

Friday, January 5

9:00 Mark A. DeTora r/b the Cuning Family

Saturday, January 6

4:00 Joseph and Carroll Fearon r/b their Daughters
William A. Baker r/b Ed Dodd & Deb Robertson

Sunday, January 7

8:00 Katherine Richmond r/b Lynn
9:30 Parishioners of St. Teresa of Calcutta
11:00 Family Mass
Roger Agin r/b Pat and Bridget Madden
Phyllis Wilson r/b her Husband
Robert Green r/b STC Men's Club
Cathy Allen r/b the Schwalm Family
Carmine Desio r/b the Schwalm Family

Sanctuary Candle



The candle will be burned this week in memory of:
Holy Saviour: Margaret Haughey r/b the Family
St. John: Mary Van Note r/b the Family Family

Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph December 31, 2023

Today's feast is called Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. It is, to my knowledge, the only place where the Church speaks of the family in this order. The child, the mother , and father. In general, we always follow the reverse order: father, mother and child.

The notion of “family” as a nuclear unit is pretty much a product of the twentieth century. The Holy Family, of course, is far from a “typical” family. Therefore, we need to consider the principles of the Holy Family as models for every Christian family. It is always good for families to be present and available to each other. A happy household feels included and able to share their strengths for the welfare and the benefit of all. When we think about family, we can picture interaction, relationship, safety, and trust. When a family develops Christian characteristics, each member plays an active role where prayerful dialogue and spiritual activities take place. Families become holy when Christ Jesus is present and invited to be part of the family’s everyday life. We know the saying “a family who prays together stays together”. Similarly, Jesus becomes truly present in a family when all the members live in the Christian spirit of sacrifice. This happens when mutual understanding, mutual support and mutual respect are apart of all the conversations and actions of the family.

My brothers and sisters, the church gives us the opportunity to celebrate Jesus, Mary, and Joseph who are the models of our families. Through this sacred feast, the church encourages us to look at the Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph as a vital source of inspiration. Each family, like the family of Jesus, is called to holiness. Jesus Christ instituted two sacraments that are two important elements in that call to Holiness: The sacrament of priesthood and the sacrament of marriage. Through the sacrament of priesthood, Jesus sanctifies the priest as well as his parish. Similarly, by the sacrament of marriage, Jesus sanctifies not only the spouses but also the entire family. On the Feast of the only perfect Family that ever lived on this earth, all parents might examine themselves and see how well they are fulfilling this important responsibility, that God has placed on them. As they heard during their marriage ceremony: "children are a gift from God to you." Children serve as the joy of their parents’ young years and the help and comfort in their old age, but above and beyond that, they are a gift for which their parents are accountable before God, as they must, in the end, return these, His children, to Him.

Let us pray for the grace of caring for one another in our own families, for each member of the parish family, and for all families of the universal Church. May God bless all your families in the New Year.

I wish you all a happy and blessed New Year.

Father Yvans Jazon, Pastor



Thank you for your support of our Parish and ministries. Please consider Online Giving as a way of supporting the Sunday Collection. It is a convenient and secure way of continuing your financial support of our Parish.

To sign up, scan the parish QR code at the right ———>



- Or log onto www.parishgiving.org. Click "SIGN UP NOW: follow the prompts.

December 17: \$8,392.00

December 10—Jan. 7 Early submission of bulletins was required during December. Collections will be reported as they are counted.

**Electronic Givers— November: 133 givers
Total given \$16,324.00**

“MORNING OF REFLECTION FOR WOMEN”

Please join with the women of our community to reflect on the presence of the Eucharist in our daily lives. We will be led by our very own, Pat Lipperini, PhD. in a morning of prayer, reflection and discussion.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 27, 2024

McLaughlin Hall

9:00 am to 1:00 pm

Refreshments will be provided.

Details to follow.

Sponsored by the Eucharistic Revival Committee



Thank you from Knights of Columbus

We thank everyone for their tremendous generosity at our Roses for Life Sale last weekend. A total of \$562 was donated! Please remember to wear your rose to show that you are Pro-Life!

March for Life - Friday January 20, 2024

The annual March for Life will take place in Washington DC on Friday January 20, 2023. Santa Maria Knights of Columbus Council is sponsoring a bus to the March.

Please call the St. Rose of Lima Rectory (856-547-0564) to reserve your seat. The cost is \$15 per person, payable in advance.

The bus will depart from the CVS parking lot (Kings Highway and White Horse Pike, Haddon Hts.) at 8:30AM and return at @ 8:00PM. There will be no stops on the south-bound trip and one stop on the return trip. You may wish to wear a face mask on the bus.

Please also plan to attend the Mass for Life at St. Rose of Lima Church at 7:30 AM on January 20. If you are not able to join us on the trip, you are most welcome to come to Mass.

Please contact Mark Kiernan, mvkiernan@aol.com (856-261-3074) with questions.

Catholic Social Teaching

A Key to Catholic Identity

Principles of Catholic Social Teaching

Based on the past one hundred plus years of Papal Social Encyclicals and the documents of Vatican II, 7 principles of Catholic Social Teaching have been developed.

1. Life and Human dignity of the human person
2. Call to Family, Community and Participation (Common Good)
3. Rights and Responsibilities
4. Option for the poor and vulnerable
5. Economic Justice (Rights of Workers)
6. Solidarity
Stewardship of Creation

These principles will be expanded in future columns. Pope Benedict XVI's encyclical, "Caritas in Veritate" is an excellent introduction to all of them.

Mass Schedule New Years, 2023

Saturday-Sunday— December 30-31

Regular Mass schedule

Monday, January 1—St. John's Church

10:00 AM— Mass in ASL & Voice Interpreted

New Year's Mass Schedule

New Year's Day – Monday, January 1

10:00 Mass – St. John's Church

New Year's Day is not a Holy Day of Obligation this year. There will **not** be a New Year's Eve Mass.

Parish Office Schedule Christmas/New Years 2023

Friday, December 22: 9:00—12 Noon

Monday-Tuesday: December 25-26: Closed

We will open Wednesday, December 27 at 9 AM.

Wednesday-Thursday, Dec. 27-28: 9:00—4:00

Friday, December 29: 9:00—12 Noon

Mon., January 1: New Years Day –Closed

We will open Tuesday, January 2 at 9:00 AM.



Friends of Santa Maria:

Hoagies were sold out Saturday by 10:30 am!

Thank you for your time and support.

We appreciate ALL of you....Thanks!

**We return Spring 2024: Mar 16; Apr 6th & 20th;
May 4th & 18th; June 1st, 15th & 29th.**

Santa Maria Council 1443 - KofC



Prayer Service for Peace

Join the Creation Care team for a Prayer Service for Peace to pray for the issues facing our world— climate change and others

Date/ Time: 3 PM—Sunday, January 7,
Feast of the Epiphany

Place: Holy Saviour Church

"The future does have a name...and its name is Hope." Pope Francis

Our hope is strengthened when we pray together. Hope is what keeps us going, even when things are tough. We look forward to seeing you on January 7.

January 6-7

MASS	Lectors	EM's	Sacristans
4:00	A/N Remetz	A/N Remetz	P. Moran
8:00	L. Franck	Deacon Rocks	R. Fearon
9:30	R. Kopp	Deacon Leo	M. Mercer
11:00	B. Pascal	M. Santiago	T. Howitz



Society of St. Vincent de Paul

One of the primary missions of our St. Vincent DePaul Society is to assist people in times of emergency. We respond to calls for help on our parish number **856-858-1444**.

The STC St. Vincent DePaul Society serves the needy in the following ways:

Food Pantry: Hours: Mondays and Wednesdays
10AM – 12 noon

Sandwich Making for Cathedral Kitchen—3rd
Monday of each month

Sandwiches made in December: Regular-400;
Youth Group—620; 160 to Joseph House -
2 boxes snacks; 860 to Cathedral Kitchen

Next sandwich collection: 3rd Monday:
February 19 at 7PM. **THERE WILL BE NO SAND-
WICHES IN JANUARY.**

Next discussion meeting: The next meeting will be
Tuesday, January 16. in McDade Hall Meeting
Room.

*Additional information about these ministries
can be found on our website:*

[www.stteresaofcalcuttanj.org/
ministries/outreach](http://www.stteresaofcalcuttanj.org/ministries/outreach)

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph Stewards Forgive

"...as the Lord has forgiven you, so you must forgive."
- **COLOSSIANS 3:13**

Forgiving is one of the hardest things for people to do. We can't give what we don't have. We need to receive God's mercy and forgiveness first before we can give it to others. Go to the sacrament of Reconciliation and receive God's mercy and forgiveness. Then in Stewardship, share the gift of forgiveness with someone – a family member, a friend or a co-worker. Pick up the phone or text someone right now.

Tax Contribution Statement I would like a report of 2023 contributions to Saint Teresa of Calcutta Parish.

This year's tax contribution statement can be picked up at the Parish Office or mailed to you, if requested. **Please allow 10 days for this to be completed.**

Name: _____

Address: _____

Town /Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Training for Lector

Date/Time: January 4, Zoom, 6:30-8:30PM

Cost: \$50

Location for In-person session. Please select 1:

Both the Zoom meeting and one in-person session are required for certification January 4, 2024; Zoom, 6:30-8:30pm

_____ **January 10, 2024**, 6:30-8:30pm, Saint Clare of Assisi
Parish, Saint Joseph Church, Swedesboro, NJ

_____ **January 11, 2024**, 6:30-8:30pm, Saint Joseph
Parish, Sea Isle City

**Applications are available in the Parish Office or
Emailed by request .**

Fee is paid by the parish for those who will serve.

Life - Long Faith Formation

Faith Formation

Daniela Perez

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May you rejoice in the miracle, the gift and the promise of Christmas.

Family Masses

"The family that prays together stays together, and if they stay together they will love one another as God has loved each one of them." St. Teresa of Calcutta



The Family Masses are held on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month at the 11AM Mass.

COME AND SEE



"MOTHER MARY JOSEPH" CENTER OF HOSPITALITY
1215 Kresson Road, Cherry Hill, NJ
(856)-428-8834 fmijcomeandsee@yahoo.com

During the Christmas season from December 24th until the Sunday after Epiphany, we reflect upon the mystery of love that is made visible in the birth and early childhood of

John Neumann, Bishop, 1811-1860

Feast Day: January 5th

John Neumann was born in what is now the Czech Republic. He was interested in a religious life from a young age and joined the seminary. Unable to be ordained in Bohemia due to too many priests, he went to the United States and was ordained in 1836. He spent the next few years doing missionary work among German-speaking Catholics in upstate New York. In 1840, he joined the newly established Redemptorist branch in Pittsburgh and became the first Redemptorist to take vows in the United States. John continued his missionary work in Maryland, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Virginia. In 1847, he became the superior of the American Redemptorists.

In 1852, John Neumann became the fourth bishop of Philadelphia. He focused on his passion for educating poor German, French, Irish, and Indian Catholics. During his eight years as bishop, he reorganized the diocese, opened 80 new churches, and nearly 100 schools. To staff these schools, he brought in many religious orders of priests and nuns. At the first national council of Catholic bishops, he helped plan Catholic education for the entire United States.

Despite being active in supporting education and leading the diocese, John Neumann remained connected to his people. By the time he became bishop, he spoke twelve languages and made an effort to address each person in their own language. At the time of his death, he was renowned for his holiness, charity, pastoral work, and preaching.

John Neumann was canonized in 1977 by Pope Paul VI, becoming the first American male saint and the first American bishop to be sainted. He is the patron of Catholic education.

Consider how you could use your talents in the Faith Formation program in your parish. Could you teach a grade? Be a



Masses of Welcome and Inclusion Schedule

Every Sunday

11:00AM Mass at St. John's Church
(St. Teresa of Calcutta Parish)
50 Emerald Avenue

Westmont, NJ (GPS: use Haddon Township).

The Mass is signed in American Sign Language (ASL) for Deaf Members of the Church and voiced for hearing members of the Church.

2nd Weekend of the Month

St. Andrew the Apostle

27 Kresson-Gibbsboro Road. Gibbsboro, NJ
Mainstream Mass Saturday, 4:30pm Mass

Holy Eucharist Parish

344 Kresson Road, Cherry Hill, NJ
Mainstream Mass Sunday (Oct. - Apr.) 9:45AM

For more information, please contact Fr. Hugh Bradley:
hugh.bradley@camdendiocese.org.

Office of Ministry with the Deaf and Persons with Disabilities

We believe that every child of God is uniquely created and inherently worthy of love, and so as we love him we also love all others. (John 13:34-35)

Special Needs Mass

Holy Savior Church in Westmont (St. Teresa of Calcutta Parish) celebrates a separate Sunday afternoon Special Needs Mass on the 4th Sunday of each month, especially for families with special needs children and adults.

This particular mass is sensory-friendly, a loving and open environment of acceptance and understanding allowing special needs families the opportunity to attend mass together.

4th Sunday each month, 12:30PM (subject to change...Please call the parish office to confirm):
856-858-0298

30 Emerald Avenue, Westmont, NJ 08108
(GPS: use Haddon Township)

For more information, please contact Fr. Hugh Bradley:
hugh.bradley@camdendiocese.org.

A Weekly Tip on Caring for Our Common Home

Visit how2recycle.info for ideas on how to recycle items that you can't put in your curbside recycle bin. For example, you will find that Safeway accepts all plastic bags, and Target accepts plastic bags as well as plastic overwrap from products such as bathroom tissue and even plastic envelopes from online shopping deliveries. #67



Basketball – Foul Shooting Contest!

The Annual Basketball Foul Shooting Contest, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, will take place on Saturday, January 6th 2024, from 12 noon to 2pm. Registration will be from 11:30 am to 12 noon. The Contest will take place at the Good Shepherd Gym and is open to all youth, ages 9 to 14. Participants must provide a copy of their birth certificate. Winners advance, as the Contest is statewide. For more information, contact Coach/AD Bob Hensler at (856) 858-1170(w) or (609) 519-0198 (c)



Dinners to Doorsteps

We provide meals for people or families who are ill, disabled, living alone, parents of new babies, etc. We also provide meals for individuals and families who are struggling to put food on the table. **If you need help, please call Michele.** Everything is strictly confidential. **More Info.:** Contact Michele Santiago at : 609-598-1787 or email her at the following: grandmarose73@yahoo.com.





Call to Worship

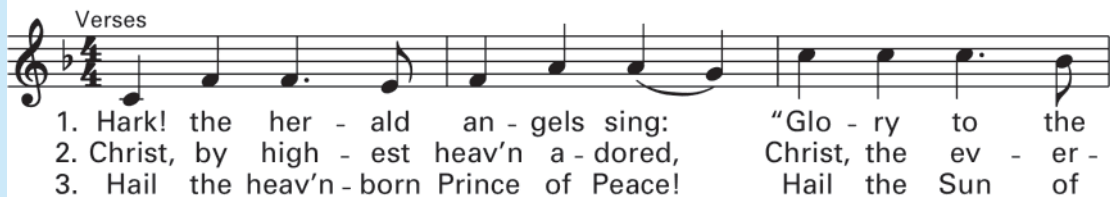
The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, & Joseph: December 31, 2023

Entrance Hymn: "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" *Breaking Bread* #102

HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING

MENDELSSOHN

Verses



1. Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing: "Glo - ry to the
2. Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored, Christ, the ev - er -
3. Hail the heav'n - born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of



1. new - born King; Peace on earth, and mer - cy mild,
2. last - ing Lord; Late in time, be - hold him come,
3. Righ-teous-ness! Light and life to all he brings,



1. God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!" Joy - ful, all ye
2. Off - spring of a vir - gin's womb. Veiled in flesh the
3. Ris'n with heal - ing in his wings. Mild he lays his



1. na - tions, rise, Join the tri - umph of the skies; With an -
2. God-head see! Hail th'in - car - nate De - i - ty! Pleased as
3. glo - ry by, Born that we no more may die, Born to



1. gel - ic hosts pro-claim: "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"
2. man with us to dwell; Je - sus, our Em-man - u - el!
3. raise us from the earth, Born to give us sec - ond birth.

Refrain



Hark! the her-ald an-gels sing, "Glo-ry to the new-born King."

Text: 77 77 D with refrain; Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, alt.

Music: Felix Mendelssohn, 1809-1847; arr. by William H. Cummings, 1831-1915.

FIRST READING: GENESIS 15: 1-6; 21: 1-3

The word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, saying: "Fear not, Abram! I am your shield; I will make your reward very great." But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what good will your gifts be, if I keep on being childless and have as my heir the steward of my house, Eliezer?" Abram continued, "See, you have given me no offspring, and so one of my servants will be my heir." Then the word of the LORD came to him: "No, that one shall not be your heir; your own issue shall be your heir." The Lord took Abram outside and said, "Look up at the sky and count the stars, if you can. Just so," he added, "shall your descendants be." Abram put his faith in the LORD, who credited it to him as an act of righteousness. The LORD took note of Sarah as he had said he would; he did for her as he had promised. Sarah became pregnant and bore Abraham a son in his old age, at the set time that God had stated. Abraham gave the name Isaac to this son of his whom Sarah bore him.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

The Lord remembers his covenant for ever.

SECOND READING: Hebrews 11: 8, 11-12, 17-19

Brothers and sisters: By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; he went out, not knowing where he was to go. By faith he received power to generate, even though he was past the normal age --and Sarah herself was sterile-- for he thought that the one who had made the promise was trustworthy. So it was that there came forth from one man, himself as good as dead, descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as countless as the sands on the seashore. By faith Abraham, when put to the test, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was ready to offer his only son, of whom it was said, "Through Isaac descendants shall bear your name." He reasoned that God was able to raise even from the dead, and he received Isaac back as a symbol.

GOSPEL: Luke 2: 22-40

When the days were completed for their purification according to the law of Moses, they took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord, just as it is written in the law of the Lord, *Every male that opens the womb shall be consecrated to the Lord*, and to offer the sacrifice of a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons, in accordance with the dictate in the law of the Lord.

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon. This man was righteous and devout, awaiting the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he should not see death before he had seen the Christ of the Lord. He came in the Spirit into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to perform the custom of the law in regard to him, He took him into his arms and blessed God, saying: "Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in sight of all the peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel." The child's father and mother were amazed at what was said about him; and Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, "Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be contradicted —and you yourself a sword will pierce— so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed." There was also a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived seven years with her husband after her marriage, and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She never left the temple, but worshiped night and day with fasting and prayer. And coming forward at that very time, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were awaiting the redemption of Jerusalem. When they had fulfilled all the prescriptions of the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM

ST. LOUIS

1. O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, How still we see thee lie!
2. For Christ is born of Ma - ry, And gath - ered all a - bove,
3. How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly, The won - drous gift is giv'n!
4. O ho - ly Child of Beth - le - hem! De - scend to us, we pray;

1. A - bove thy deep and dream - less sleep The si - lent stars go by;
2. While mor - tals sleep, the an - gels keep Their watch of won - d'ring love.
3. So God im - parts to hu - man hearts The bless - ings of his heav'n.
4. Cast out our sin and en - ter in; Be born in us to - day.

1. Yet in thy dark streets shin - eth The ev - er - last - ing Light:
2. O morn - ing stars, to - geth - er Pro - claim the ho - ly birth!
3. No ear may hear his com - ing, But in this world of sin,
4. We hear the Christ - mas an - gels The great glad tid - ings tell;

1. The hopes and fears of all the years Are met in thee to - night.
2. And prais - es sing to God the King, And peace to all on earth.
3. Where meek souls will re - ceive him, still The dear Christ en - ters in.
4. O come to us, a - bide with us, Our Lord Em - man - u - el!

Text: 86 86 76 86; Phillips Brooks, 1835-1893. Music: Lewis H. Redner, 1831-1908.



COMMUNION HYMNS: "The First Nowell" #112

THE FIRST NOWELL

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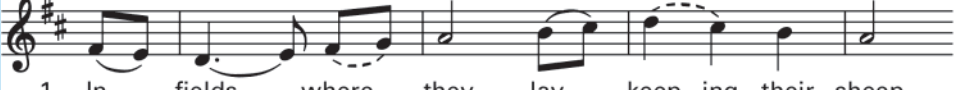
Verses



1. The first No - well, the an - gel did say,
 2. They look - ed up and saw ___ a star
 3. And by the light of that ___ same star
 4. This star drew nigh to the ___ north - west,
 5. Then en - tered in those wise ___ men three,
 6. Then let us all with one ___ ac - cord



1. Was to cer - tain poor shep - herds in fields as they lay;
 2. Shin - ing in ___ the east, ___ be - yond ___ them far;
 3. Three ___ wise ___ men came ___ from coun - try far;
 4. O'er ___ Beth - le - hem ___ it took ___ its rest,
 5. Full ___ rev - 'rent - ly ___ up - on ___ the knee,
 6. Sing ___ prais - es to ___ our heav - 'nly Lord;

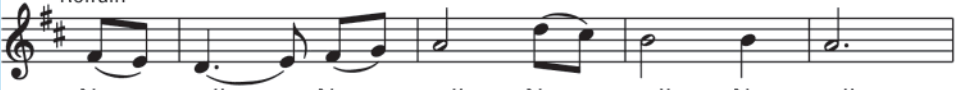


1. In fields where _ they lay keep - ing their sheep,
 2. And to the ___ earth it gave ___ great light,
 3. To seek for a king was their ___ in - tent,
 4. And there it ___ did both stop ___ and stay,
 5. And of - fered ___ there, in his ___ pres - ence,
 6. Who with the ___ Fa - ther we ___ a - dore



1. On a cold win - ter's night ___ that was ___ so deep.
 2. And ___ so it con - tin - ued both day ___ and night.
 3. And to fol - low the star ___ wher - ev - er it went.
 4. Right _ o - ver the place ___ where Je - sus lay.
 5. Their _ gold ___ and myrrh ___ and frank - in - cense.
 6. And ___ Spir - it blest ___ for ev - er - more.

Refrain



No - well, No - well, No - well, No - well,



Born is the King of Is - ra - el.

Text: Irregular with refrain; trad. English Carol, 17th cent.; verse 6, alt. Music: Trad. English Carol, 17th cent.

1. God rest you merry, gentlemen,
Let nothing you dismay;
Remember Christ our Savior
Was born on Christmas Day
To save us all from Satan's pow'r
When we were gone astray.

Refrain

**O tidings of comfort and joy,
Comfort and joy;
O tidings of comfort and joy.**

2. From God our heav'nly Father

A blessed angel came,
And unto certain shepherds
Brought tidings of the same,
How that in Bethlehem was born
The Son of God by name.

Refrain

**O tidings of comfort and joy,
Comfort and joy;
O tidings of comfort and joy.**

3. “Fear not, then,” said the angel,
“Let nothing you affright;
This day is born a Savior
Of Virgin pure and bright,
To free all those who trust in him
From Satan's pow'r and might.”

Refrain

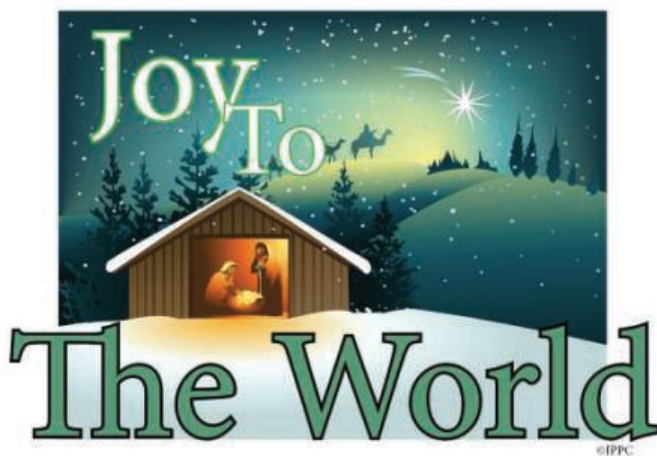
**O tidings of comfort and joy,
Comfort and joy;
O tidings of comfort and joy.**

4. Now to the Lord sing praises,

All you within this place,
And with true love and charity
Each other now embrace;
This holy tide of Christmas
Is filled with heav'nly grace.

Refrain

**O tidings of comfort and joy,
Comfort and joy;
O tidings of comfort and joy.**



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